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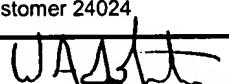
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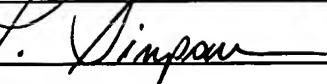
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- No English translations of the foreign language patents, publications or information or parts thereof are readily available, except for those listed above.
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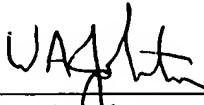
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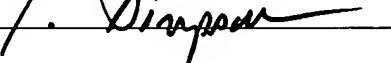
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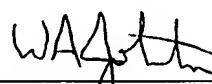
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

English translation of Abstract for Taiwan Patent Publication Nos. TW202,704 and TW195,341 are not available. U-shaped locks are disclosed, in which the U-shaped shaft can be inserted in one of the two openings of the lock body.

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